

MINUTES OF BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

21ST JANUARY 1993.

PRESENT:-

P Watkins (Chairman)  
T Howkins  
A Lalonde  
J Musselwhite  
Miss P Saunders  
Mrs R Stitt

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from:

Mrs P Melbourne and Councillor J Wyss (representing Test Valley Borough Council)

89. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December, 1992 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

90. A LALONDE

The Chairman welcomed Andrew Lalonde who was attending his first Council meeting since co-option to the Parish Council in December.

91. ALL SAINTS CHURCH CLOCK (minute 66/11/92)

Further to the above minute consideration was given to providing a contribution towards the project to repair the church clock. A sum of £643 representing one third of the total cost of the repairs was requested. The remainder would be obtained by contributions from the congregation and grant from Test Valley Borough Council. The Church Council had indicated that were the Parish Council able to grant such a sum they would not seek any Parish contribution to 1993 churchyard maintenance costs. The Chairman also reported that the Braishfield Village Association had indicated that they would donate £250 to Parish Council funds as a contribution to the clock repair project.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Parish Council contribute £643 towards the church clock repairs project;
- (2) That the Village Association be thanked for their promise of £250 towards this project; and
- (3) That no contribution to made by the Parish Council towards annual churchyard maintenance costs in 1993.

92. TREE PLANTING WEEK

The Clerk reported a Borough Council scheme to publicise Test Valley in Bloom 1993 and Tree Planting Week. The scheme encouraged Parishes to support the scheme by offering a tree to each Parish Council. The Parish were requested to choose one of three types of tree and to notify the Borough of the tree planting site.

RESOLVED -

That the Parish Council participate in the scheme and request the Borough Council to supply an Oak tree. The Borough Council would be notified of the exact location of the tree planting site at a later date.

93. TOWN AND VILLAGE HISTORY

The Clerk reported a request from the Borough Council's Chief Executive for information on the availability of any local histories.

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Mrs Rita Stitt investigate the possible existence and availability of local histories for the Village of Braishfield and contact the Borough Council with any appropriate information.

94. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Roadside Verges

Consideration was given to complaints about the poor condition of and damage caused to roadside verges by heavy vehicles and hedge trimming equipment. The problem was particularly acute in Common Hill Road, Pucknall Lane and Dummers Lane.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Area Surveyor be informed of the Parish Council's concern at the poor condition of highway verges; and
- (2) That local contractors and farm managers be asked to assist the Parish Council by advising their drivers to respect verges and where possible avoid driving onto them.

b) Drainage Ditches

Reference was made to the poor condition of drainage ditches, alongside Braishfield Road between the Wheatsheaf and the Dog and Crook. Surface water often flooded across Braishfield Road because the drainage was inadequate.

RESOLVED -

That the Area Surveyor be requested to investigate the problem and contact the appropriate land owners to ensure that drainage ditches were cleared out.

c) Pedestrian Barrier

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Area Surveyor confirming a recent site meeting with Councillor Pam Saunders and arrangements he was making to modify the pedestrian barrier outside the school. This work was expected to be completed in February 1993 and prior to the improvement works to the footway in Common Hill Road.

95. PUCKNALL FARM

RESOLVED -

That the Chief Planning Officer be informed of the Parish Council's concern at increased vehicular activity at Pucknall Farm and requested to confirm existing uses that had been permitted at the premises.

96. BUS SHELTER

RESOLVED -

That consideration of this item be deferred to allow a further quote to be submitted by local carpenter John Saunders.

(Councillors J Musslewhite and Pam Saunders declared an interest in this item, took no part in the discussion and did not vote thereon).

97. FOOTPATHS

Concern was expressed about the poor condition of local footpaths particularly footpath 8 between Paynes Hay Road and Hall Place and footpath 13 between Church Lane and Farley Lane. It was reported that damage had been caused by horse riders using the paths in wet weather.

RESOLVED -

That the County Rights of Way Officer be advised of the problem and requested to consider the provision of signs deterring horse riders from using footpaths in wet weather.



98. RECREATION GROUND

(a) Letting

RESOLVED -

That the Horticultural Society be permitted the use of the recreation ground on Saturday 17th July for the Annual Flower Show.

(b) Maintenance

The Clerk reported details of the proposed cutting programme and hourly rates from Hampshire Landscape Maintenance. Charges for 1993 had been increased to £20.00 per visit.

RESOLVED -

That an approach be made to Test Valley Borough Council's Contract Services Organisation for details of their cutting service and rates.

99. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

RESOLVED -

That the Annual Parish Meeting be held on Thursday 15th April at 8.00pm and that the Borough Treasurer together with a representative of the Local District Valuers Office be invited to attend the meeting to outline the new Council Tax.

100. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED -

That the following accounts be paid:

L Shelton - Clerks salary and expenses	£57.82
CPRE - annual subscription	£15.00
Braishfield Village Hall Management Committee - hire of hall for 1992	£33.00